

A FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

Diversify or Specialize Is the Question Many Farmers Worry Over—Scholars and Manufacturers Specialize with Profit but Can the Farmer?—The Uncertainty of Crops—The Crops Suited to the Farm Are the Reliable Crops.

Written Specially for The Bulletin.
"Diversify or specialize? Which?" That is the question that many thoughtful farmers worry over: the one a good many, of equal intelligence, are divided by. "Jack-of-all-trades" and "master of none," is the answer the specialists give to those who diversify their productions. "All your eggs in one basket," retort these latter to the specialists. The proverbial "man-up-a-tree," who is on neither side and is in no hurry to jump down, is apt to be puzzled a little by the controversy and to wonder which side really has the right of it.

I suspect that, like most other human arguments, there's truth on both sides, and more or less error, too. It is the tendency of human nature, when once it has taken sides, to exaggerate everything which sustains its contention, and to minimize everything which seems to favor the other view. Of course, this isn't quite fair, but, then, mightn't it be better to be a bit unfair in anything, and why should this be an exception?

Looking at the debate in general terms, it matters little to which side the specialists make out a strong case. The whole spirit of the age tends towards specialization. The movement is especially marked in science. Years ago one man devoted himself to botany and was supposed to be able to cover that field; another took up entomology and was supposed to study and understand all about all sorts of insects; a third went in for chemistry and became an all-round chemist. Then the botanist found that he was inessentially devoting most of his time to the study of herbaceous plants and didn't have leisure to learn the habits of the lichens and the microscopic fungi. So others took up those branches and he dropped them. The entomologist likewise found there were so many bugs in the world that he couldn't hope to know them all, so he just dropped all but the winged insects, and others took up observation of the other classes. So the chemist and the student of animals. This first division of the subjects has been since re-divided and sub-divided, till now there are botanists who study only one group of plants like the fungi, or one family of trees like the thornberrys; and entomologists who work solely in one corner of the bug world; and chemists who do nothing beyond working out the reactions of one group of salts; and zoologists who confine all their time and effort to learning the last thing possible about just gastropods, or just deep-sea animalcules, too small for the naked eye to distinguish. That's the reason why science is becoming so technical and, also, so exact.

Likewise in industry the whole trend is towards specialization. Once each cotton factory undertook to do about everything which could be done with cotton and to make about everything which could be made from cotton. But now most factories confine themselves closely to just one line of production, seeking to excel, either in cotton or economy, along just that narrow line. One factory makes only cotton thread, and another only cotton twine. Indeed, in these highly specialized factories the idea is carried still further until all the various processes of a single manufacture are divided among workmen and machines, so that one man with one tool does only one thing, day in and day out—just punching holes, perhaps, and then passing on the job to another, who does another similar fraction of the work. In many big factories and shops there are no more all-round workmen, but just an army of specialists each one of whom does one thing better than anybody else could do it, but does nothing else.

It is this very narrowing of effort—this restricting of individual output to the one line in which the individual excels—which makes modern economies possible in manufacturing, in transportation, and in scores of other ways. Now doesn't it seem reasonable that it ought to work similarly in farming? Don't blame the specialist if he grows irritated with you, when you don't see it his way. He certainly has a strong argument and an alluring analogy behind him.

And yet, when it comes to applying this theory to farming, "I hate me dots," as the Scotchman says. I don't believe that any cotton factory, if it could make cotton thread during only ten weeks of the year—if it must discharge its hands and shut down its machinery for the other forty-two weeks—I don't believe any cotton factory, under those conditions, would confine itself solely to making cotton thread. It would have to find something else to hold its workmen and to feed its machines when it couldn't make thread, or the machines would rust and the workmen scatter beyond

recall. Yet the farmer who should confine himself solely to corn growing, as an illustration, must do something quite comparable with that. When his corn is planted and cultivated and he must wait idly for it to grow and ripen. When it is harvested his work is done. He certainly cannot afford to hire laborers by the year just to set up month's work out of them on a corn crop. Why, his whole crop wouldn't possibly pay their wages. And, just as certainly, he can't hire them at all for the short and varying service he can call for. There are not to be had on such terms and conditions.

Furthermore, the average farmer can't raise corn every year—good, paying corn. It is too purely Mr. Lincoln's famous phrase, any farmer can raise corn most years, and a few farmers can raise corn any year, but all farmers cannot raise good corn every year. One year the cutworms may ruin half your field; another year it may be the army worms; still another the crows may pull enough to spoil the profit; another year the tender shoots, or an early fall freeze may kill the fields while ears are still "in the milk." Or the season may be one of those short, wet, cold, half summers, when the heat-loving corn grows half-heartedly and yellows prematurely and brings forth nothing but "nubbins" and "nutritious" fodder.

What is true of any one crop is true of all. Whether you plant corn or potatoes or wheat or oats or green peas; whether you raise apples or grapes or berries; whether you devote yourself to dairying or to raising turkeys or hogs; whether you go in for bees or for broilers—in every case you will be confronted by the risk of barren years when your one crop will fail you and your income will sink to zero. And every year you will be met by the practical impossibility of securing adequate labor to care for your specialty at the exact times when it is most cared for at the rate of sixty-five minutes to the hour and sixteen hours to the day.

No, it simply will—not do for us farmers to specialize to this extent. We have but about half a year to work in, at the best. Old Winter shuts his icy jaws on six months out of the twelve. We must keep busy all the time he leaves us actively and productively busy. If we don't those who do will have to support us. And yet it is perfectly true that, no one can do it perfectly. It is a matter of degree, and of sorts. Nor will any one farm produce, profitably, all sorts of crops. As a rule, a good corn or wheat farm isn't well suited to raising turkeys. There are limitations of soil and season as well as of farming knowledge and capacity. Maine can grow phenomenal potato crops, but rice won't live there. Texas may not be able to raise potatoes, but it can grow rice by the shipload. Connecticut and Rhode Island are not wheat states, but they raise the only turkeys thought fit for a White House Thanksgiving, and buy their wheat from Dakota.

What then? "We can't live if we specialize, and we can't succeed if we diversify. If that's your argument," I hear you say, "what's left but to give up and ask the way to the poorhouse?" Well, I think the common sense middle road is still left wide open—the road which neither runs between the narrow stone walls of the one-track specialization, nor rambles aimlessly over the spreading prairie of unfeared diversification.

We can learn what crops will, ordinarily, do well on our own farms, in our own climate, under local conditions. We can pick out of these an orderly series of the crops which shall keep us busy from April to November, and give us a fairly regular income. We can study those half dozen or dozen crops and get, at least, a primary working knowledge of how to handle them on our particular farms. We shall probably not do as well with any one of them as some specialist may do on some special year with that one. But—if that one fails utterly, the specialist will be "in the soup," but without any soup in him, while we shall have the others to fall back on, not all of which are likely to tumble down at the same time.

The specializing farmer is a gambler who takes a gambler's chances and makes big winnings—when he wins. The diversifying farmer puts out antibodies to windward all the hail storms that may blow from whatever quarter of the compass they may come. He may never "strike it rich" as the specialist sometimes will, but, at least, he will be safe, with something ways in the pocket for today and a reasonable expectation of fresh supplies for tomorrow.

THE FARMER.

GILEAD.

Grange Meeting in Charge of Ceres, Flora and Pomona.
The C. E. society had a social at the Hall Wednesday evening.
Miss Doris Post is visiting in Manchester.
Miss Jessie Post is spending a few weeks at Amherst, Mass.
Miss Helen Hodge has returned home from spending several weeks at Perryville, N. Y.
Mrs. J. C. Randall is spending a few weeks at Sandy Hill and Lake George, N. Y.
Miss Mabel Gilbert is in West Stafford with her uncle and his family.
Hebron grange met at the hall last week Friday evening. The entertainment was in charge of Ceres, Flora and Pomona, and was enjoyed by all.
C. E. Jones has been appointed postmaster at Hebron.
Mrs. C. D. Way is visiting her sister in Michigan.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gilead Hall association corporation will be held at their hall next week.
Lois Lord of Marlboro is visiting at Edgemoor, N. Y.
Miss Doris Hutchinson has returned to her home in Princeton, Mass.
Master Charles Bennett of Ludlow is visiting at J. E. Ellis'.
The Cornishs are to be away for a few days in Moodus recently the guest of William Fielding. They left Friday morning for Seattle, Wash., to attend the exposition and may decide to locate there.

GURLEYVILLE.

Mrs. S. D. Yeomans Entertains for Providence Guests—Picnic—Personal.
Mrs. S. D. Yeomans entertained a party of young people last Thursday afternoon in honor of her guests, Misses Olive and Helen Yeomans, from Providence. The guests were Misses Frances Dimock, Miss Sarah C. Dunham, Margarette Dunham, Ethel Simonds. The afternoon passed merrily with games and a group picture was taken by Miss Helen Yeomans. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess.
Mrs. Bentley is entertaining relatives from South Manchester.
Mrs. George Allen and daughter Dorothy from Willimantic pumping station spent the day last Wednesday at Charles Hobbys'.
Among the guests here Sunday were Earl Bates from Willimantic at O. H. Conant's, Dwight Beebe from Norwich at Mrs. J. E. Smith's, and Mrs. A. E. Simonds from Willimantic at H. E. Simonds'.
Mrs. Edwin from Brooklyn, N. Y., has been visiting at Mr. Forsythe's.
Misses Eliza, Martha and Helen Langer are spending the week with relatives in the vicinity of New Haven.
Mrs. and Mrs. A. E. Sumner from Willimantic were at Mrs. Martha Hanks' on Sunday.
Miss Eunice Wood entertained friends at a picnic last Saturday.
Mrs. S. D. Yeomans is entertaining Mrs. Norman Stoughton from Manchester.
A very enjoyable picnic was held Wednesday in Henry's grove under the auspices of the Epworth league. There was about thirty present and all report a good time.
Rev. J. F. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson leave next Tuesday for a vacation through the north of Australia. They will go to their cottage on Long Island.
Sarah Stoughton, widow of George Philo Hanks, has received notice of the renewal of her pension claim of \$30 a month.

COLUMBIA

Drill Strikes Water at 137 Feet—Successful Lawn Festival.
The Artesian well which Miss Whitney has been having sunk on her premises near Columbia lake, struck a good water supply at a depth of 137 feet. Nearly all the boring was through solid rock of granite formation.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Tucker, who have been spending their July vacation with Mr. Tucker's mother on Columbia Green, returned Friday morning to New York, where Mr. Tucker is engaged in the C. A. work.
Mrs. Mary B. Yeomans and her sister, Mrs. J. V. B. Prince of Coventry, are spending a few weeks at Maple Wood, near New Britain.
A large number of summer boarders and those who have cottages on the lake shore are in town, many expecting to remain until September or later.
Daniel Holbrook and his sister, Mrs. J. E. Randall of Willimantic, attended church service in this place last Sunday.
Miss Helen Clarke of Hamden is visiting the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Clarke, on Columbia Green.
Mr. Hughes and family of Hartford are boarding at Mrs. Mitchell's.
The Ladies' Aid society gave a lawn fete at the parsonage last Tuesday evening. One of the hours of the evening present. An excellent collation was served by the ladies, after which there was an informal entertainment, consisting of vocal music by the young people. A number of summer visitors were present, and the afternoon proved a most enjoyable one.
Rev. W. A. Harris attended the fellowship meeting at the First Congregational church in Lebanon Wednesday.

BOLTON.

Henry M. Loomis to Locate in Wyoming.
Mr. and Mrs. George Galloway of Birmingham, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Galloway's brother, James F. Midburn, in Gloucester, Mass.
Miss Annie M. Alvord has returned from Coscob, where she was the guest of Mrs. E. K. Kendra.
Mrs. L. J. Ward left Tuesday for her home in Jersey City, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. S. M. Alvord.
Eleanor Pomeroy of Windsor spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. C. White.
Mrs. S. Marschat and children of New York are visiting Mrs. Marschat's sister, Mrs. Charles Lee, Jr.
Mrs. Donahue of Willimantic is at the McGurk cottage for the summer.
Miss Ida E. Holbrook of Columbia is spending some time with her cousin, Mrs. William C. White.
William J. Maxwell of Hartford was the guest of his mother, Mrs. A. N. Maxwell, Sunday.
W. K. Suranor of Rockville has been visiting his mother.
Henry M. Loomis and William R. French are expected to leave Wyoming, where the former plans to locate permanently. Mr. French will return after a short stay west.

STAFFORDVILLE.

Fifty Go on Outing to the Shore—Temporary Postoffice Quarters.
Miss Alice Cole of Boston has been spending a few days with Miss Maggie Fagan.
Miss Eva Brown of Springfield, Mass., has been spending a week at her home here.
Miss May Lutton of Hartford has been visiting for several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Jane Fagan.
Over fifty from this place attended the annual excursion to Watch Hill and Block Island last Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hanner visited her brother, Frank Bowden, in Hartford, over Sunday.
Mr. M. Lyon has his store and post-office at the house vacated by M. H. West. He intends to have his new store built soon.
Mrs. F. L. Hullett and daughter Gladys of Providence have been spending a few days with Mrs. Hullett's uncle, Mr. Giltrap.
Mrs. N. James Putnam of West Swanzee, N. H., have moved into Mrs. G. P. Andrews' house.

WILMINGTON.

Miss Mary Barnes is visiting Mrs. J. L. Bacon.
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SPRING HILL.

Many City Visitors—Local Guests at Bridgeport Wedding.
Rev. Leonard Smith exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Todd of Stafford Sunday last.
Miss Marion Storrs led the Christian Endeavor service Sunday evening.
Judge L. J. Storrs and family and Rev. Leonard Smith and wife attended the poultry meetings at Storrs the past week.
Several from this town were in attendance at the Lamson Carroll wedding at Bridgeport Tuesday evening.
Mrs. Schilling has a household of friends from New York.
Mrs. W. A. Weld, who has been ill, is now at home.
Joseph Schilling has erected a fine fagpole on his lawn.
The Wheeler place has been rented by a family from New York.
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wylie of Norwich are spending a week at the old homestead.
Mr. Wylie is a commercial traveler.
Professor Wheeler is teaching the Yale forestry class this summer.

SOUTH COVENTRY.

Class Reunion at the Lake—Barn Raising—Girls Enjoy Fish Fry.
Class of 1904, Windham high school, held a reunion at Lake Umbagog Tuesday afternoon, also visiting the home of A. E. Peterson on Ripley hill, a former principal of the W. H. S.
Mrs. J. K. Mansfield and daughter of Willimantic are occupying E. B. Foster's place, recently purchased by Mrs. Mansfield.
The large elm shade trees about the village present a sorry aspect, the work of the elm beetle.
Miss Sadie Woodworth of Springfield, Mass., spent a short time in town this week, visiting her brother.
Mrs. Clara Grant entertained at what last Wednesday afternoon at her home on Wall street.
Miss Lillian Hunt of Westfield, N. J., is visiting Mrs. F. S. White.
A barn raising took place at George H. Robertson's last Saturday. The barn replaces one destroyed by fire last summer, when struck by lightning.
A number of the young lady employees of the Kingsbury Box & Printing Co. enjoyed a fish fry at the west shore of the lake last Saturday.

ELLINGTON.

Plans for Picnic to Springfield.
Mrs. Everett Sudd of Willimantic is visiting at M. H. Peck's.
Miss Matie E. Niles has gone to Essex for an outing.
Mrs. Frank Holton had charge of the programme for children's night at the grange.
Mr. Clapp of Dakota has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. T. Davis.
Mr. and Mrs. Horton Noble arrived home from Pennsylvania on Saturday. They were accompanied by four of Mrs. Noble's nieces.
Miss H. Aborn and family were the guests of Mrs. Arnold in Willimantic on Sunday. They made the trip by automobile.
Preparations are being made to hold a Sunday school picnic at Forest park in Springfield.

MASHAPPAUG.

Miss Gladys Munroe and Miss Agnes Bates are visiting friends in Alston, Mass.
John Fairbanks has been confined to his home for the past week by illness.
John Hebard was in Worcester on business last week Friday.
Miss Mabel Shedd, Miss Harriet Shedd, Mrs. F. Shedd and son, F. Shedd, of F. Shedd, were callers at Mrs. F. S. Snell's Monday, it being Mrs. Snell's birthday, who is 82 years old.
Miss Jennie Gilbert spent last week with relatives in Springfield.
C. D. Munroe of Springfield was in town on business last Tuesday.
A band rehearsal was held at the G. A. R. hall last Monday night.

EAST WILLINGTON.

Haying is nearly finished. Only about half a crop has been harvested.
Mrs. Osborn's daughter and her husband have been spending their vacation with their parents.
Groveport and sister Lois made their grandmother a flying visit.
Mrs. Gilbert is under the doctor's care. Her daughter, Mrs. Church of Rockville, is caring for her.
Lowell E. Fitchburg, who is now in Rockville, is talking of moving his family to Norwich.

MOUNT HOPE.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY, R. I.

Summer Guests—Recent Funerals.
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Durkee of Warrenville, Conn., visited at the home of Rev. E. P. Mathewson, from Monday to Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Crandall and child of Providence are visiting at the home of Roger W. Lewis. They had an outing at Winchuck pond Wednesday.
Rev. E. P. Mathewson officiated at the funeral of Ruth M. Edwards at Ashaway Sunday at one o'clock, and at the funeral of Frances M. Kenyon

ROCKVILLE.

Recent Deaths—Trolley Trip in Connecticut.
William Hanlon of Providence was a guest at O. G. Woodmansee's Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kenyon and Mrs. Abel Kenyon have been visiting relatives in Canterbury, Conn.
Mrs. Edwin Gordon died suddenly Monday, leaving a family of seven young children, besides her husband.
Mrs. Lucy Crandall, wife of John E. S. Crandall, died Thursday after a long illness, leaving a husband, one son and two grandsons.
Abel Kenyon and Emory Kenyon went to Fields Point Thursday.
Prof. Oscar J. Burdick and daughter, Miss Maida, and his sister, Miss Lottie Burdick, took a trolley trip in Connecticut Wednesday, visiting Norwich, Willimantic and Plainfield.

ARCADIA.

Camping Party at Boons Pond—Stolen Fowls Recovered.
John C. Lewis of Apponaug, R. I., visited his home farm here Sunday.
Howard C. Barber of New York is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leander M. Barber.
Charles Ballou, who suffered a loss last week by hen thieves, found and recovered eight of his hens.
Allen Franklin and daughter of Willimantic were visiting at the Franklin homestead farm recently.
Col. Frank W. Tillinghast of Thornton, R. I., George Tillinghast of Providence and John Tillinghast of Olneyville, R. I., are camping near the shore of Boons pond. They were formerly residents of this place.

RICHMOND.

The Shannock Sunday school will make its annual visit to Matusuck beach today (Saturday).
The Shannock Baptist church held a business meeting Wednesday evening to consider calling a pastor.
Miss Susan Wood of Slocum, who has been visiting at Cliffmont is now the guest of Mrs. Hattie Forden at Kenyon.
Miss Mildred D. Church of Nyack, N. Y., is the guest of her uncle, M. E. Moore, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dawley spent Sunday with friends in Westerly.

A Request.

Mr. Governor Stubbs, won't you kindly put on a soldier's uniform when attending the national encampment of the Kansas National Guard at Fort Riley next month. The state is very anxious to see what you would look like garbed out in the full dress regalia of commander of all the armies and navies of the imperial state of Kansas, U. S. A.—Kansas City Journal.

What and Where to Buy in Norwich.

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Men's Calf and Vic Kid Oxfords, regular \$3.00, at 95c.
Ladies' High and Low Shoes, regular \$2.50 and \$3.00, at 95c.
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By means of this wonderful method we are able to give back to a patient the full set of teeth he or she started in with in the beginning. All we require is two or more teeth in each jaw to work from, and we shall not resort to plates or ordinary bridge-work in the process of the work. Your mouth will be free from incumbrances.
Before we accomplish this result we put the gums and the natural teeth in a healthy condition, tightening the teeth which may be loose and curing pyorrhea if the patient is afflicted with that dreadful disease.
All of the teeth we supply are practical teeth, each set in its own socket following nature's plan, so that the strain is equally divided. One is able to bite on these teeth and use them in exactly the same manner as he would his natural teeth. They match nature's teeth so closely as to deceive experts. They are beautiful to look at and a source of constant delight to the one who wears them.

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Others have an idea we set the new teeth into the sockets where the natural teeth were originally.
It is quite natural that some unthinking people would ask such questions, and in order that they may be fully answered we will state that there is no boring, no cutting, no implantation about this method, nothing about the work that is painful while it is being done or afterward. Patients leave the office with these teeth in place and at once begin chewing meat, eating candy, toast, or anything else with the same comfort they would enjoy if every tooth in their head had grown there.
If we couldn't promise this and make good on the promise, the Restoration Method would not be a success. It would be no better than ordinary bridgework or partial plates.

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LETTERS FROM TWO STATES.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

STERLING.

Campers at Moccasin Pond—James Potter's Funeral.
Miss Elizabeth Johnson is in the office of the United States Finishing company, succeeding Miss Mable Carroll.
Rev. O. H. Green and family have returned from a few weeks' outing at Oak Bluffs, Mass.
Some of the Knights of King Arthur are camping with the local pastor at Moccasin pond.
Today (Saturday), July 31, the Sunday school of the Sterling M. E. church will go on their annual picnic. They will unite with the Methodist Sunday school of Moccasin. Crescent park is the place selected.
Mrs. T. J. Belanger is slowly convalescing.
Mrs. Albert Wentworth and Mrs. Irving Anderson visited relatives in Rhode Island Wednesday.
The funeral of James Potter, a former resident of Sterling, was held at Greene, R. I., on Wednesday, July 28. The services were held in the Methodist church.

WILSONVILLE.

Samuel Adams and daughter, Mrs. Miles, were in Boston Thursday.
Miss Sophia Storrs and Bert Upham and daughter Esther attended the Methodist church picnic Wednesday at Bates grove.
Mrs. N. E. Converse of Worcester spent Tuesday with relatives.
Mrs. Jerolomon, who has been visiting the past week with her sister, returned with her.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. May and son of Norwich have been visiting the former's parents.
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ABINGTON.

A former pastor, Rev. Joseph Kyle of South Braintree, Mass., is expected to preach next Sunday.
The members and friends of the Ladies' Benevolent society will have a picnic at East Killingly Aug. 4.
Miss Belle Brown, who has been spending her vacation here, returned to New Haven Sunday.
Lou Williams of Coal Springs, Pa., has been calling on acquaintances.
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Murray left Friday for an automobile trip to Saratoga Springs.

HOWARD VALLEY.

Mrs. E. St. John and Miss Frances Wedge and Thomas W. Bradford attended the Douglas camp meeting.
L. H. Hawkes and sister, Lura, spent Sunday with their cousin, Mrs. Louis Wilson of Pomfret Landing.
Bernard E. Hawkes has left Long Island and is in northern Minnesota.
John Kemp and nephew, Andrew Kemp, are in New York, seeing the sights.
Miss Pauline Kern of Preston led the meeting in the Valley church Sunday.

TOLLAND COUNTY.

New Owner of Daleville Mills Occupying Hoyle Residence—Personal.
Mr. Dvosky, the owner of the Daleville mills property, has opened the Hoyle residence, and is there with his family for the summer. His large touring car is one of the finest that has been seen in this section of the state.
Mr. and Mrs. Lucian B. Clark have been visiting their son, W. L. Clark, at Miller's Falls, Mass.
Miss Mildred Clark of Hartford spent Sunday with her grandparents.
A large number from here attended the poultry meetings at Storrs. Mr. Cosgrove of Willington is the president

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